

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 3, 2003

**FROM: CATHY CIMBALO, Director  
Department of Children's Services**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS TO PROVIDE  
CAMPERSHIP SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the following 14 contracts to provide Campership Services for dependent, abused, neglected and at risk minors on a fee-for-service basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,075,000 extending the contract expiration date from June 4, 2003 to June 4, 2004 and to update standard contract language.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>
Camp Bravo, Inc.	02-402 A-1	\$75,000
Camp Cherith at Sky Meadows	02-403 A-1	\$75,000
Camp Mariastella	02-404 A-1	\$75,000
Camp Fire USA, Foothills Council	02-405 A-1	\$75,000
Highland Family YMCA	02-406 A-1	\$75,000
Pilgrim Pines Camp	02-407 A-1	\$75,000
Uptown Family YMCA	02-408 A-1	\$75,000
San Gabriel Valley Family YMCA	02-409 A-1	\$75,000
West End YMCA	02-410 A-1	\$100,000
Y-Alliance	02-411 A-1	\$75,000
YMCA of the East Valley	02-412 A-1	\$75,000
YMCA of Glendale	02-413 A-1	\$75,000
YMCA of Greater Long Beach	02-414 A-1	\$75,000
YMCA - Redlands	02-415 A-1	\$75,000

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Each year the Department of Children's Services (DCS) investigates allegations of abuse and neglect of more than 50,000 children within the County. Approximately 5% of these children become dependents of the Juvenile Court, while another 5% receive services from DCS designed to prevent further abuse or neglect and subsequent out-of-home placements. In addition to services provided directly by DCS staff, many of these clients are referred to community resources for services. One of the beneficial services provided to

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these children is the Campership program. Whenever possible, the client pays for the camp. However, when personal funds are not available, these services are paid for by DCS through Child Welfare Services allocation from the State of California.

Under the Campership program, the children, who otherwise would not have the means or opportunity, are awarded a "Campership", similar to a scholarship, to attend a camp for a one or two week experience. Some of the camps are specifically geared for children who are diabetic or otherwise medically or emotionally fragile. The Campership experience provides the children the opportunity for personal growth, the development of artistic talents, and independence and social skills.

On June 4, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved contracts with the fourteen vendors listed herein to allow approximately 1,443 children throughout the County of San Bernardino to attend summer camp in FY 02/03. Approval of these amendments will allow approximately 1,443 children to attend summer camp in FY 03/04. It should be noted that while the individual contracts were written not to exceed either \$75,000 or \$100,000, DCS does not anticipate spending more than \$433,000 annually for the overall services. The contracts are written in this manner to establish a Board of Supervisors approved list of qualified vendors to allow social workers the flexibility of selecting the vendor that best meets their client's needs. A minimum amount is not required to be spent on any of these contracts. New standard contract language has been included in the amendments.

Approval of this item will extend the contract term from June 4, 2003 until June 5, 2004 with new standard contract language.

### **REVIEW BY OTHERS:**

These amendments have been reviewed by County Counsel on April 24, 2003 (Ruth Stringer, Deputy County Counsel) and the HSS Contract Administration on April 24, 2003, 2003 (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor). This item has been reviewed by HSS Finance on May 9, 2003 (Kristin Letterman, Administrative Manager) and the County Administrative Office on May 12, 2003, 2003 (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The contracts awarded for Campership Services are funded by a combination of Federal and State (85%) and County (15%) funds. Based on the anticipated actual program cost of \$433,000, the County's anticipated local share will not exceed \$64,950. Adequate appropriations and revenues are included the Department's proposed FY 03/04 budget.

**Cost Reduction Review:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends this action based on the facts that there are no contracted minimums and the primary funding is federal and state revenue sources which are not in jeopardy.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Cathy Cimbalo, Director, Department of Children's Services, (909) 388-0242